

February 5, 2003

Federal Communications Commission  
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Secretary Dortch and Commissioners:

It is my understanding that the Telecommunications Congressional Act of 1996 was passed to help open the market and level the telephone industry playing field. Additionally, the intent was to give consumers more choices, and lower prices.

It is also my understanding, that the FCC is responsible to implement this act.

The purpose of this letter is to voice my support of Southwestern Bell's application for entry into the long distance market. Competition can only help improve service to consumers.

Sincerely,

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